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SUBJ: ITALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON COLOR TV SETS

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1. ACCORDING MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) CIRCULAR 41/75 OF
OCTOBER 15, 1975, PURPOSE OF QTE TECHNICAL VISA UNQTE FROM
MINISTRY POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION (MPT) PRIOR IMPORTATION
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IS TO ENSURE THAT COLOR TV SETS ARE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING AT

LEAST CHANNELS A-H1 AND 21-37, AS REQUIRED IN MINISTERIAL DECREE (MPT) OF OCTOBER 16, 1972 WHICH DEFINED TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ITALY'S (THEN BLACK AND WHITE) TV SYSTEM. MINISTERIAL DECREE (MPT) OF OCTOBER 7, 1975, EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1976, REQUIRES THAT ALL TV SETS SOLD IN ITALY BE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING CHANNELS A-H1 AND 21-37.

2. DESPITE ABOVE JUSTIFICATION, WHICH APPEARS TO CONFORM TO GATT REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED PARA (1) REFTEL, MFT SOURCES FRANKLY ADMIT--OFF THE RECORD, OF COURSE-- THAT PURPOSE OF QTE TECHNICAL VISA UNQTE REQUIREMENT IS TO PROTECT ITALIAN COLOR TV INDUSTRY. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GERMAN AND JAPANESE COLOR TV SETS CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION TO RECEIVE ALL ABOVE CHANNELS.

3. ACCORDING MFT SOURCES, NEITHER IMPORTERS NOR OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE YET REACTED TO QTE TECHNICAL VISA UNQTE REQUIREMENT. UNTIL FIRM DATE ESTABLISHED FOR BEGINNING COLOR TV BROADCASTS, IMPORTERS UNLIKELY TO PLACE SIGNIFICANT ORDERS. INTER-MINISTERIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CIPE) STILL CONSIDERING BEGINNING DATE; LATEST RUMOR IS JULY 1, 1976. VOLPE

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